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JEWISH TERRORISTS FREE SIXTY PRISONERS

ONE OR MORE INDIAS?

Partition Indications

New Delhi, May 4.
With only 14 months to go before the Indians take over full responsibility for their country, there are still no clear indications whether next year will see one or two or even three Indias.

The demands for a partition of India are coming in a greater or lesser degree from the Moslem League, Congress, the Sikhs and now it is reported from some of the Indian states which are ruled by Indian Princes, who recognise the overall sovereignty of the English King.

The Delhi newspaper Statesman today reported that some Indian state rulers were pressing for a third sovereign India—"Rajistan"—if the Moslem demand for Pakistan (a separate Moslem state) were granted.

"Now that Indian political leaders are talking unreservedly of partition, circles closely connected with state politics say that should the British Government agree to the creation of an independent sovereign state of Pakistan, some Indian state rulers are likely to press for an independent sovereign Rajistan and a separate constituent assembly," the Statesman said.

While some states have sent representatives to the Indian Constituent Assembly, the majority of the states are holding back and this weekend, the Prime Minister of Travancore, State, Sir Ramaswami Aiyer, said, after seeing the Viceroy, that the ideal of a united India was impracticable in present circumstances and that therefore Travancore must retain its independence.

INTENSE ACTIVITY
The Congress Working Committee adjourned tonight after a day of intense political activity.

Mr. Gandhi, in a 30-minute interview with the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, gave him, it is believed, an appraisal of the attitude of the Congress High Command to the general question of the division of India, and to the issue of the Northwest Frontier Province, where the Moslem League is demanding new elections. Earlier this week, Gandhi talked with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Congress Leader and Vice-President of the Interim Government.

Lord Mountbatten has invited Mr. Nehru to spend some time with him as his guest at Simla, from which he has asked the leaders to be on call in the capital during the latter half of this month.

Meanwhile, Delhi will be freed from curfew after 42 days of this security measure. Six, 500 ft. m. for the longest ever imposed on a city, 29 persons have been killed and 70 injured while trade and industry has been almost at a standstill.—Reuter.

Daring Assault Made In Jeeps On Turkish Gaol

GUN BATTLE FOLLOWS EXPLOSION

Jerusalem, May 4.

Sixty prisoners escaped from the Acre prison tonight, it was officially stated here. The break followed a terrorist assault on the gaol in which two jeep-loads of terrorists drove into the almost entirely Arab town of Acre after mining the roads round the town.

The attack coincided with a loud explosion inside the prison. Few terrorists were wounded and later arrested. One British constable was wounded in the leg.

"DICTATED" TREATY

U.S. General Accuses Soviet Russia

Vienna, May 4.

General Mark Clark today accused the Russians of urging an Austrian treaty "dictated by them" which would mortgage Austria's political sovereignty and economic life.

Pausing to greet crowds of Austrians while on his way to Italy, General Clark said the Soviets "did not live up to the full letter" of their pledges.

He reiterated that the three main points of disagreement were reparations, German assets and frontiers. He said the American stand was backed by the French and the British, "but opposed 100 percent by the Soviets."

"The Soviets insisted, in direct violation of their agreements made in Potsdam, in London and in Moscow, on supporting the completely unjustifiable claims of Yugo-Slavia for \$1,500,000,000 in reparations, in refusing to recognise illegal and forcible seizures of property by the Nazis and in backing up the claims of Yugo-Slavia to Austrian territory," General Clark said. "The United States delegation to Moscow refused to be a party to a treaty which so obviously violated every principle of justice and moral rights."

General Clark described recent press charges that America was attempting to control Austria's oil production as "completely untrue." He said the United States financial stake in Austria "is very small."

He appealed to all parties to unite in a solid front and said "ministers of justice seek to divide those who have Austria's welfare at heart."—United Press.

Dov Gruner and three other Jewish terrorists were executed in the Acre prison last month, and tonight's attack followed a week's lull on the terrorist "battlefront" during which rumours of a truce swept the country.

It was later stated that 44 of the 60 prisoners who escaped from the grim old Turkish prison after the terrorists had blasted a hole in the wall were still at large. Sixteen prisoners were recaptured.

Three Jews were found dead, but it was not stated whether they were attackers or prisoners. Mobile squads and police were tonight scouring the roads and sandy wastes of northern Palestine for convicts still at liberty. These were reported to be mostly Jews.

The police said that most of the escaped prisoners might have got away in stolen army lorries.

The strictest precautions were in force all over Palestine tonight. Any vehicle failing to answer the "halt" challenge was liable to be shot at without warning.

BOMBS IN PRISON

It was officially stated that armed Jews drove into Acre town in two jeeps at 4.15 p.m. and that small arms fire broke out in several parts of the old Arab town.

Simultaneously, a loud explosion occurred inside the Acre central prison and three bombs were found outside the prison.

The police statement added that two Jews carrying tommy-guns had been arrested in the immediate vicinity of the prison. The statement did not disclose whether those arrested were attackers or terrorists who had escaped in breaking out of prison during the "battle."

A lorry was reported to have been blown up near the Kurdani camp on the road from Haifa to Acre. There were no details of casualties. Five British soldiers were slightly injured when the military truck in which they were travelling ran over a landmine north of Haifa tonight, it was officially stated.

Jewish terrorists tonight threw five mortar bombs into the camp of the British Sixth Airborne Division north of Acre. The official statement issued immediately afterwards did not give any details of the casualties or damage.—Reuter.

"HOLIDAY" ENDS

United Press adds that the daring attack, which damaged prison walls, ended the eight-day "United Nations holiday" proclaimed by the leader of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, Menahem Beigin.

The holiday from violence ended at the historic scene of Napoleon's unsuccessful bid to break into Acre's walled city in 1799.

It was still uncertain whether the Irgun or Stern gang staged the attack, but the authorities assumed that both may have been involved since they have been operating for some time together under Beigin's command.

The official account said only that a "number" of Jews raided the prison early tonight. Whether their military uniforms were British was not disclosed. There was "considerable damage" to the prison walls, the announcement said. How extremists managed to drive inside the fortress and attack the prison was not explained.

As two of the attackers' bombs exploded at Acre Prison, small arms fire was directed against both the fortress and the prison from various parts of the old Arab town.

STERN GANG ACTION?

Unconfirmed reports circulating in Haifa attributed the attack to the Stern Gang, it came only a few hours after the Jewish Agency spokesman announced that Mr. David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Agency's Executive, would take off from Lydda on Monday for the United States to help present the Jewish viewpoint on Palestine to the United Nations. The spokesman said Mr. Ben Gurion had decided to

make the trip because the tension in Palestine had "subsided".

Efforts were being made to persuade Professor Chaim Weizmann to come out of retirement in Rehovoth colony and accompany Mr. Ben Gurion to New York. It was doubtful if he would consent, however, unless he were re-established as president of the World Zionist Congress. The Congress ousted him from the Presidency at its meeting in Basel last winter.—United Press.

Ramadier Drops Reds From His Cabinet

Paris, May 4.

Braving the possible ire of the Communist Party, which is the strongest single party in France and the absolute master of the nation's labour, 59-year-old Socialist Premier Paul Ramadier tonight dropped all five Communist members of his Cabinet.

M. Ramadier did this after the Communists had voted solidly against him on a motion of confidence at the National Assembly this morning.—United Press.

SOCIALISTS' DECISION

Paris, May 4.
The French Socialist Party tonight decided to support the Government of Communist Ministers, who voted against the Government this morning and who refused to resign as a consequence of their action.

The decision is "subject to confirmation by the Party's National Assembly, which has been convened for Tuesday."

A communique announcing the replacement of Communist Ministers stated: "M. Ramadier, Premier, took note of the vote of Communist Ministers at the National Assembly this morning and of the fact that this vote constituted an act disrupting Ministerial solidarity."

"M. Ramadier thanked the Communist Ministers for the support that they had given him in the past. He said that he would accept the President of the Republic provisionally to entrust M. Yvon Delbos with the Ministry of National Defence, M. Andre Lescote with the Ministry of Labour and M. Moch with the Ministry of Reconstruction."

"These Ministers will exercise their new charges in addition to the offices they already hold."

The Socialists' decision to exclude Communists from the Cabinet was taken by the Parliamentary Group, which voted by 60 to eight votes in favour of exclusion after a five-hour discussion, and also by the Executive Committee of the Party, who endorsed the decision.

BLUM SWAYS VOTE

Impassioned intervention by the veteran Socialist, M. Leon Blum, in favour of this course helped to sway the decision. This vote is subject to

Strikers Going Back To Work

Glasgow, May 5.

Glasgow dockworkers, on strike for seven weeks in protest against the dismissal of 500 "redundant" fellow workers, voted on Sunday to resume work on Monday.

The vote was 1,936 to 340, with about 60 percent of the 3,000 strikers casting ballots to accept the Ministry of Labour compromise reinstating 204 workers permanently, giving the rest casual jobs and pledging an inquiry into manpower needs at the Glasgow docks.

The strikers were supported last week by 10,000 London dockers who walked off their jobs but went back to work after four days.—Associated Press.

Trebitsch Lincoln Alive

Colombo, May 4.

Trebitsch Lincoln, former British Member of Parliament, suspected of being a German spy during the first World War and whose death in Shanghai was reported by the Japanese in 1943, is still alive, according to a report in the newspaper Times of Ceylon today.

The report said that a local journalist had received a letter from Lincoln dated March, 1947 with a Darjeeling (Bengal) postmark.

"You might be glad to hear that I am not dead but still alive," the letter said.

The journalist to whom the letter was addressed, believes that Lincoln, who after World War I turned Buddhist, is living in a monastery in Tibet. Born in Hungary in 1870 of Jewish parents, Lincoln who has been described as "one of the strangest characters in modern times," became a naturalised British subject in 1910 and was elected a Liberal Member of Parliament.

During the 1914-1918 war he came under suspicion as a German spy. In 1916 he was sentenced to three years imprisonment on a forgery charge and later went to America. In 1918 he was denaturalised.

After studying Buddhism in Ceylon under an assumed name, he went to China and adopted the name of Abbot Chao Kuang.—Reuter.

Colony Gets Back Fire Engines, Ship And Books From Japs

Tokyo, May 5.

Allied property valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars, ranging all the way from two fire engines belonging to the government of Hongkong to the crown of the Sultan of Pontianak, has been restored to the rightful owners through the efforts of the Supreme Allied Command, Brig-Gen P. H. Tansey Civil Property Custodian told United Press.

The restoration of looted items is going steadily forward. There is a great amount of loot, including automobiles, machinery, art objects, jewellery, pieces, books and other material still stored in warehouses throughout Japan.

Before any item is restorable, however, a claim must be submitted by the government from whose territory the item was removed. The item itself must also be identified as having been looted from that country.

There, also, is a large number of looted industrial machines which have not yet been identified and, therefore, no claims have yet been received. Some of these machines have been set aside for reparations but should a bona fide claim for restitution be filed for much property before it is definitely allocated to a specific country, the property would be removed from the reparations list and restitution effected.

GOLD & DIAMONDS CROWN

Looted property already returned includes the famed crown of Pontianak made of gold and diamonds which has been sent back to the owner in the Netherlands East Indies.

Another strange piece of loot returned to the Netherlands Indies was a collection of eight Solo skulls. On the basis of previous scientific research it had been conjectured that this "Solo man" may be the intermediate between the "Java Man" and the homo sapiens.

Other items restored to the Netherlands Indies include one battle flag belonging to a cavalry regiment and a score of books.

GOVERNMENT SEALS

Korea recovered the country's ancient government seals which were removed to Japan in 1910 and one steamship—ss Dai Ohori Maru. Among the restitutions scheduled are the ss Fui Hsing for China, the calculating machines belonging to the International Assurance Company and a number of map plates. The Netherlands will soon receive three looted business machines and the ss Reel.

Scheduled for the Philippines are two Hammond organ miscellaneas, radio equipment and 1,105 Philippine Government publications along with a number of leaf specimens, shell and bird specimens, which were found in the Imperial Household.

Australia received a large number of books looted from the Agriculture Department and others at Rabaul.

HONGKONG'S ITEMS

Already returned includes: one large lathe, four bronze statues, one kettle drum, the ss Edith Moller and 627 books belonging to Major Boxer.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS—the chief magistrate's library of the Western Pacific High Commissioner court.

CHINA—the dredger Chien Cho, the cruiser Yat Sen, 34,970 books belonging to the Chinese National Central Library, two anchors with chains removed to Japan during the

Sino-Japanese war of 1894-5, 10 ethnological specimens relating to the so-called Peking Man, books belonging to organisations and individuals.

Reparations and restitution delegations from Australia, the Netherlands, France, the Philippines, China, the USSR and Canada are now in Tokyo and millions from the now in Tokyo and millions from the

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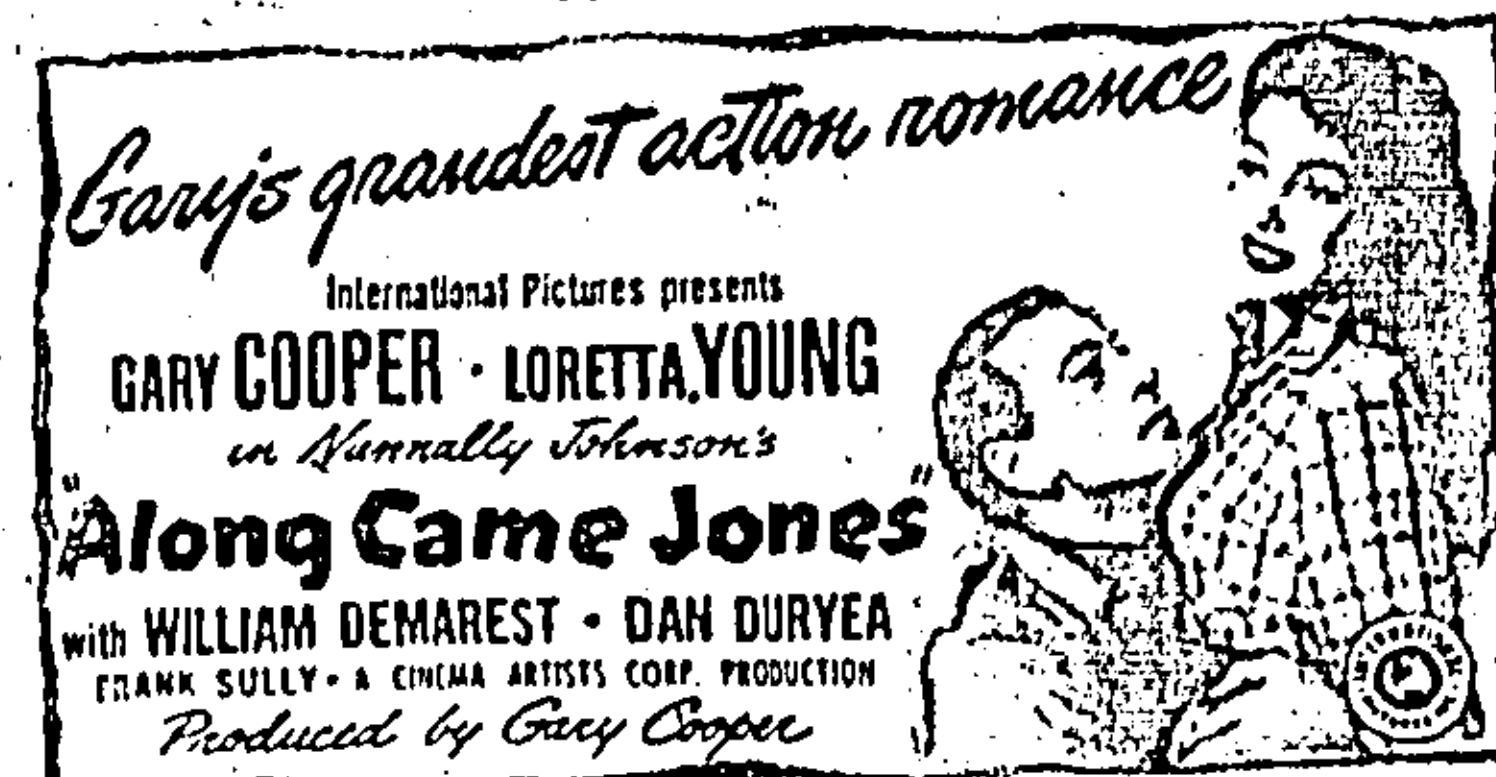
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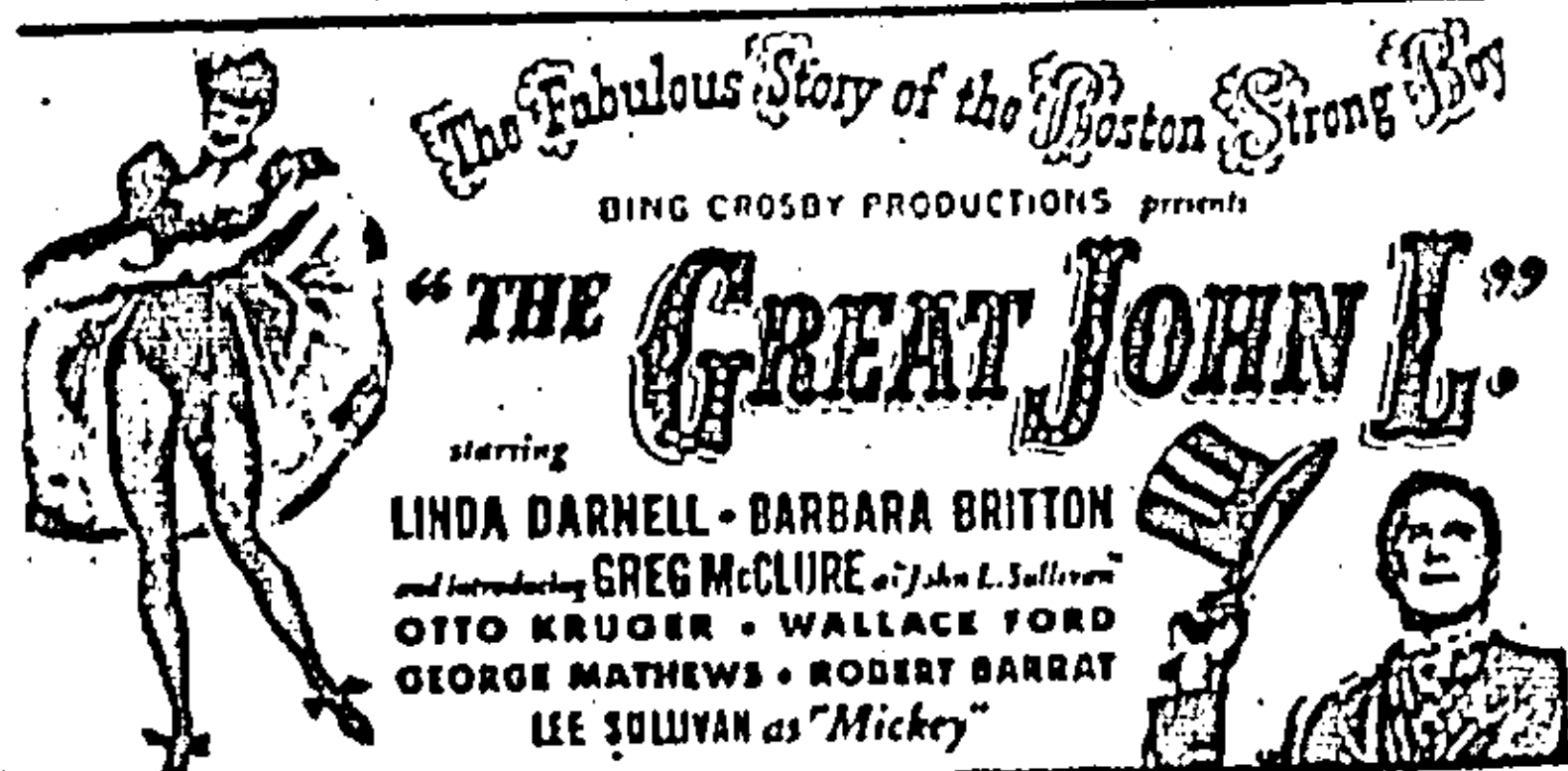
Global Police Force

FOR many years the late H. G. Wells dreamed of an international police force that would act in such swift concert as to make it impossible for any one nation to attempt what its actual or potential fighting strength, to start a major war and survive. That dream today is, apparently, nearer to fulfilment than ever before in mankind's sordid history of national jealousies and ambitions. The military staff committee of the Big Five, under instructions of the United Nations, has completed its report on general principles by which a global military police force can operate to prevent aggression or other overt acts which threaten the charter of the United Nations. Taken at face value there appears to be no insurmountable difficulty about putting the idea into practice. All of the ordinary peoples of the world genuinely desire peace; genuinely loath war. That goes much for Russians, Americans, English, Chinese and French. The peoples of the world would also solidly support the immediate establishment of an international police force whose sole purpose was to protect global peace. The proposition is simple enough and the objects so wholly in the interests of mankind that it seems incredible there should be any dissen-

sion. Yet, even in its exploratory stage it has to yield to conflict of opinion. Many of the variances bear the sinister imprint of power politics—the supreme influence in the disruption of international relations. The divergences in viewpoints suggest that the Big Five military chiefs have shared a certain amount of mutual distrust in formulating general principles. Russia wants all the Big Five to contribute identical strength to the United Nations forces; the others desire these to be comparable. Russia wants all forces to be withdrawn to their own territories after completing a "policing" job; the others prefer the forces shall withdraw to general zones. It is hard to see how adoption of any of the alternatives could seriously impair the efficacy of a properly controlled international force—unless all or any of the Big Five had ulterior motives. The danger is that the demands of the militarists, whose minds are emancipated in strategy and tactics will firstly obscure, and then override the fundamental purpose of a global police force—a purpose that has its roots in plain commonsense and the will (however inarticulate) of the plain peoples of the world. If any such situation is permitted to develop, the United Nations peace-preserving police force will be still-born.

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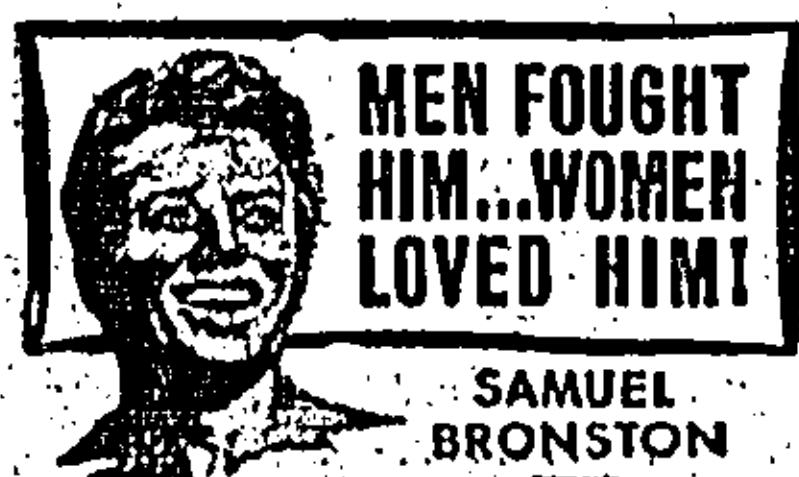
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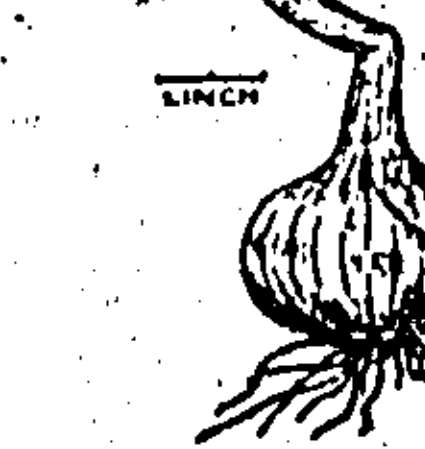
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TWO LETTERS FROM AMERICA

1 - THE UNITED STATES WINS AN EMPIRE

NEW YORK.

AT the moment when many people in America are clamouring for others to dissolve their empires and tear down their tariff defences, America has acquired a ready-made, brand-new Empire of her own and has promptly put a wall around it, warning all competitors to "Stay out."

America's new overseas possessions cover an area of about 3,000,000 square miles of ocean. This is roughly the area of the whole of the continental United States.

When she acquired her new colonies by vote of the United Nations on April 2 much was made of the fact that she would not become their outright owner, but only a trustee. That, it was maintained, was quite a different thing from the old-style out-and-out annexation.

Already this is being forgotten. The influential Washington publication United States News, for instance, now openly refers to the UNO vote as having amounted to "a deed" since the territories were made into a "sole and permanent trustee-ship."

The phrase "American Empire" is now in frequent use here.

Island's Importance

THE new American Colonies consist of 623 islands and thousands of atolls, reefs and islets in the Marshalls, Carolines and Marianas, all formerly mandated to Japan. Their total land area is 829 square miles. Their population numbers 85,000.

SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE ISLANDS SCATTERED OVER THREE MILLION SQUARE MILES OF OCEAN HAVE JUST PASSED UNDER UNITED STATES RULE... AND THE WARNING IS GIVEN 'STAY OUT.'

Chief of the islands, all of which have some strategic importance and many of which are potentially important as trading posts are Eniwetok, Kwajalein, Jellut and Mill in the Marshalls; Saipan, Tinian and Rota in the Marianas and Truk, Ponape, Yap and Palau in the Carolines.

Some Americans foresee new holiday paradises in the South Seas with cheap three-day air trips for holidaymakers from the California coast. Others visualise the islands as a chain of mid-ocean Gibraltar.

Navy's Plan

IT was for "reasons of security" that the U.S.A. asked UNO for "preferential commercial and economic status" for American citizens in the islands. She got it over vigorous British objections, thereby extending a step further the American Imperial Preference system introduced in the Philippines and modelled on the British Empire system America is now asking us to destroy as part of the price for the dollar credit.

It is now well realised here (and generally admitted by naval top-bracket in private conversations) that the strategic importance of the islands was probably much overrated.

Strategists can see no way in which any nation or group of potential foes might threaten the continental United States from that direction. It is

therefore almost certain that the United States navy's grandiose plan for \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 expenditures on a string of new advanced bases throughout the islands will be quickly shelved.

The chances are that there will be new construction for bases only on Tinian, Saipan and Kwajalein. Tinian and Saipan are intended to find their strategic place as auxiliary bases in support of the major installations already existing on Guam, an American possession for 50 years. Kwajalein will be turned into an air force base.

Truk, once dreaded as the "Japanese Pearl Harbour," but later found to have been highly vulnerable and far less strong than its namesake, is marked in the new conception for use only as a recreation point for men on short-term leave from the other islands.

Truk itself is a chain of 89 islands. It will become a holiday colony in spite of the fact that it possesses one of the finest harbours on earth. Within its vast circular lagoon all the world's navies could lie at anchor at one time without undue overcrowding.

Good Climate

THROUGHOUT the colonies, climate surveys are now under way and navigational charts are being checked and redrawn where necessary.

Reports are coming back that under peacetime conditions life there will be much less fearsome than was supposed by those who listened to the stories told by returned fighting men. The temperature is generally pleasant 80 degrees. It varies but ten degrees either way whatever the season. Over most of the year there

are ocean breezes which bring the night temperatures down to comfortable sleeping levels.

Hotel and night life promoters already have their eye on the islands' commercial possibilities with their graceful palms, photogenic natives, long Pacific rollers for surf-riders and gleaming white coral beaches.

Who is to run the islands? This is developing already into the biggest headache for a nation new at the Empire business.

There simply are not enough trained colonial administrators available. At present the navy have sole charge.

Naval rule is likely to encounter some stiff criticism in Congress within the next six months.

It is attacked as backward on the basis of past experience in Guam, American Samoa and elsewhere in the Pacific.

American Samoa is, for example, under the direct control of the Navy Department in Washington. The naval commandant is governor of the colony by direct commission from the President. He appoints all officials and draws up all laws. There is no Judicial Committee of the Privy Council to which the natives can appeal.

American Lake

IN Congress suggestions are already heard that what the United States needs is a new Government Department of the lines of Britain's Colonial Office to take over control of all the "non-contiguous territories."

These are far more numerous than most Americans have yet realised, with their attention directed principally to the "iniquities" of the "imperialist nations" of Europe. In the Pacific half of the world, America now has Alaska; the extensive holdings in Hawaii with bases at Pearl Harbour, Kauai, Midway, Jarvis and Baker Islands; American Samoa; the Marshalls, Carolines and Marianas; bases on Tarawa and Makin in the British Gilbert and Ellice Islands colony; Wake; Midway; Guam; forces in China, Japan and the Philippines.

Already the Pacific is spoken of here as "an American lake."

—Frederick Cook

2 - WALLACE'S CRITICS GO TOO FAR

BALTIMORE.

THE wrath against Henry Wallace for his speeches in Britain has gone too far. Already there is evidence of reaction in Wallace's favour. When members of Congress demanded, apparently seriously, that a man be prosecuted criminally for criticising the Government, fair-minded Americans were shocked. Even those who do not like Wallace feel compelled to defend his right of free speech.

The incident has revealed the weakness of the Administration's position.

Intervention in Turkey and Greece cannot succeed unless it is firmly supported by the U.S. and it cannot be firmly supported unless it is solidly backed by public opinion in this country.

Raised a doubt

WALLACE has raised a doubt that American opinion is solidly behind this policy. Therefore he has jeopardised the whole scheme.

The fury against him is based, not on the content of his criticism, but on the fact that he made it at all.

Nobody has bothered to answer Wallace. He has simply been denounced.

That sort of thing displeases the open-minded. The more moderate newspapers, even though they support the Greek-Turkish scheme, have already seen the danger and are warning party leaders against going too far.

Atom control

COMMON sense triumphed over prejudice, and David Lilienthal was confirmed as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. This means that atomic energy development is now definitely under civilian control, and its exploitation for peaceful purposes has a chance to proceed.

Lilienthal was accused of Communist leanings, but his real offence was a refusal to allow local politicians to name their henchmen to responsible positions in the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Yet almost at the moment when this effort to sabotage the public service was defeated, President Truman announced a witch hunt on a grand scale.

He issued an order to purge the Government service of Communists and Communist sympathisers. There are 2,250,000 Federal employees, and to examine the whole list will cost \$12,000,000.

Number of Communists cannot be large, because during the war applicants for Government positions were carefully screened by various police agencies watching for persons of suspicious loyalty.

Effective purge

NEVERTHELESS, it is safe to predict that the purge will be highly effective.

Not many Communists will be caught, but many personal grudges will be satisfied.

Any Bureau chief who compels his staff to work is pretty sure to be reported to the investigators as a Communist sympathiser—which means that he will be subjected to annoyance and interference, if not to the loss of his job.

There is some suspicion that this move was instigated by reactionary members of the Democratic Party anxious to eliminate all New Dealers. It seems more likely, however, that it merely illustrates how perfectly Truman represents the state of mind of the average American.

Without a doubt the country is experiencing a repetition of the hysteria that swept it after the first World War, when the ordinary American saw a Bolshevik behind every bedpost and the Attorney-General loaded an entire ship with wretched aliens and expelled them from the country.

No break yet

WALL-STREET sagged a little in mid-April, but nothing like a real break has happened yet, although cost of living and corporation profits have both risen to unprecedented heights.

The President begs business to show some restraint. But it will take a louder voice than Truman's to be heard.

—Gerald Johnson

POCKET CARTOON

BY THE
WAY

by Beachcomber

SEVERAL correspondents—(Ventreguenel) What an appallingly bad journalism! No writer ever has several correspondents. He has millions, and his office is "literally inundated" with letters—six hundred thousand, five hundred and forty-eight people, then, have written to say that I seem to be obsessed with ferrets, as I mention them so often.

The reason is not the Freudian one that my nurse had eyes like a ferret and always hated socks. It is simply that my only hobby is looking after the ferrets at my ferret in Bedfordshire. I hope to export them in large quantities, to enable my country to purchase with the money the two hundred drizzling American films required each week.

I write from my ferret. I have just fed Borengaria III, and Jolly Jim.

Potato v. Potato

"Snapdriver: Now, Mr. Potato, would you say you were a vain man?"

Potato: No.

Snapdriver: Not vain enough to boast that you are descended from Henry II's gardener?

Potato: Only when my name is muddled. Mr. Potato—(laughter).

Cocklecarrot: Silence! This is a court of law, however unlike one it may seem.

Gooseboote: M'lud, this is all utterly irrelevant.

Snapdriver: M'lud, I am endeavouring to show that Mr. Potato—Cocklecarrot: Are you sure you mean Potato and not Potato?

Gooseboote: No, M'lud. Mr. Potato is the defendant—I think.

Cocklecarrot: Oh.

Snapdriver: I shall call Mrs. Whiffle.

A voice: Yoo-hoo!

Dr. Rhubarb's corner

J. D. F. WRITES: My wife is so fond of nature that whenever she passes a certain garden here she

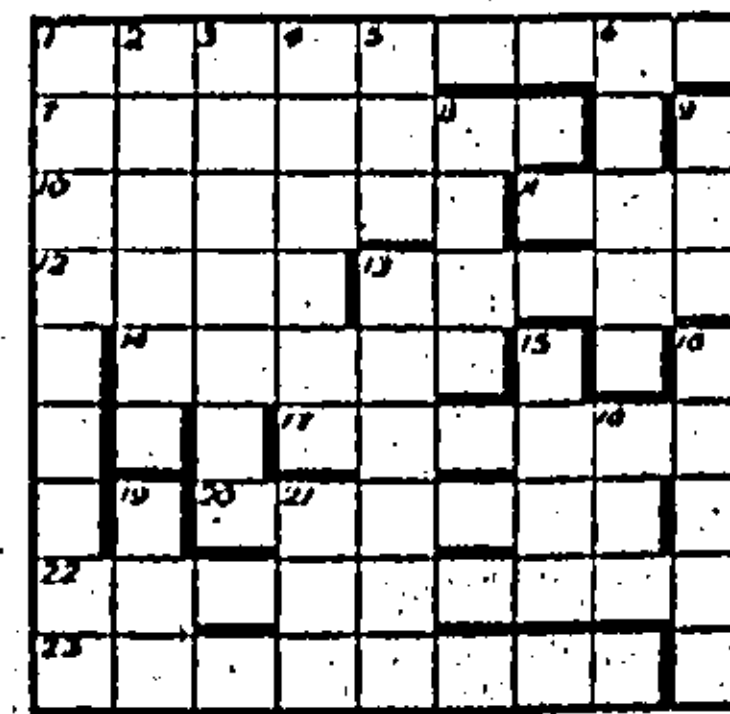
pokes her nose through the railings to look, and as her nose is very big it often gets stuck. Twice the local fire brigade has prudently released it. What can I do?

Dr. Rhubarb says: Buy her a bicycle clip for her nose, or one of Dr. Renton's nostril-compressors. Her nose will then slide easily between the railings, in and out. If this fails tell her to smear her nose with axlegrease.

Tirlintontaine-ton-ton

I SINCERELY hope it is true that a certain film actress renowned rather for her physical charms than for her intellect (the literary way of describing a pretty underhead) remarked to a producer: "It's my psychology that gets 'em."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

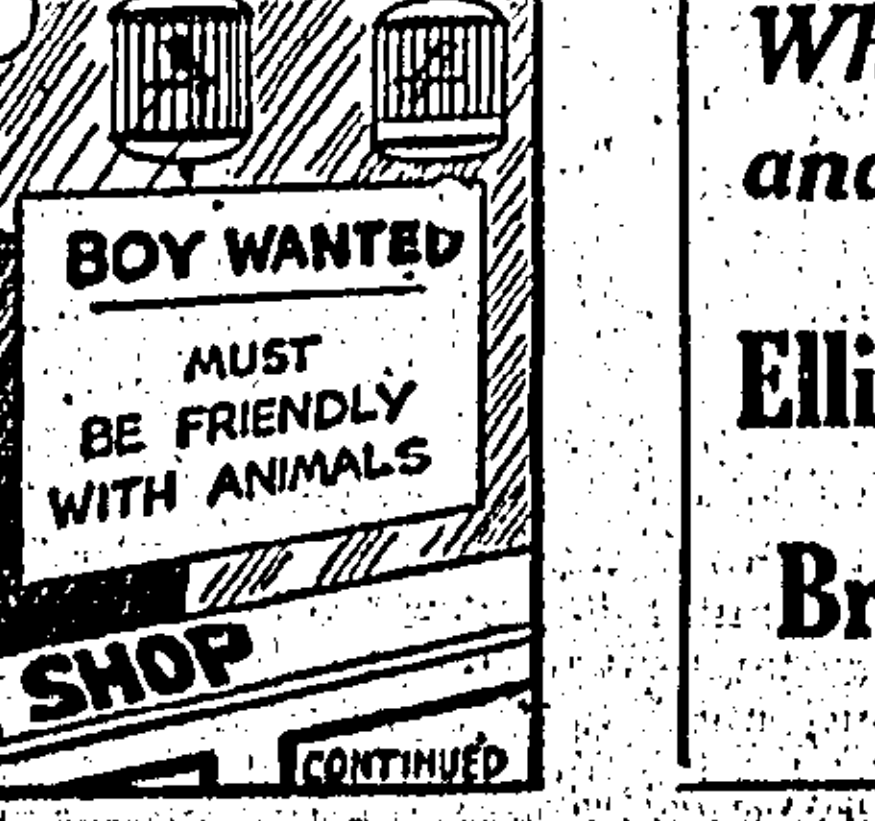


10. Culmination. (6)
11. And that's the end of Kate. (5)
12. Product of Eton. (4)
13. "Know you the land where the... tree bloom." (Cousins) (5)
14. Jewish month. (5)
15. A brightly manded quadruped. (6)
16. The reason for a Casino. (6)
17. He made the Dean relax. (6)
18. Car, dog, or marriage? (6)

1. Fit a coral to something agent-like. (9)
2. Her nose as broad as it is long. (6)
3. A time when an umbrella is useful. (7)
4. She seems to suggest I had something unspecified. (3)
5. Lead. (5)
6. Dearest. (4)
7. Taken from a mentioned army. (3)
8. A non-professional. (6)
9. African gram country. (4)
10. Two and two. (6)
11. Born. (3)
12. No doubt, can all. (3)
13. Often causes division. (3)

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4. No Englishman in Britain is (9)
5. How to desert a good class before amoxing, of course. (7)

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"Dear Lois Leeds—Is pink a flattering colour for a dark brunette? My skin isn't sallow but it is a deep olive and not clear. —SUE"

Pink gives a nice glow, even to a drab complexion. But, Sue, why not tone your skin to better health? Use a circulation ointment once a week and check up on your diet.

"Dear Lois Leeds—I am thirty years old and I walk badly. I realize that my body aches. I feel all right but I don't look it. Please make suggestions. I am rather awkward. —JANE"

—GABRIELLE



If you have a Pretty Mouth, concentrate on your choice of luscious Reds in lipstick. If it is your Eyes that give you that Special Look, make them even more effective by the clever use of makeup. Remember—accent your Best Feature!

School Kids Need Good Lunches

The school child needs a good breakfast to start the day and he also needs a good meal at noon. Doctors and health authorities usually advise that lunch should furnish at least one-third of the child's food requirements for the day.

In many communities the school lunch programme makes mother's task easy. Lunches that are nutritionally well balanced will be available in the school and all mother needs to do is make sure that Johnny and Mary choose the right foods. If a choice is given, and eat vegetables as well as sweets, just as if they were at home under her watchful eye.

If the children come home for lunch, mother has more of a job. The lunch menu, at home or at school, should include one nourishing main dish, a glass of milk, fruit or vegetable. In some form, whole wheat or enriched bread, butter or margarine with vitamin A added, and a simple dessert. In cold weather, at least one hot dish is desirable.

Sandwich Lunches

If the children carry sandwich lunches, the hot dish may be provided in the form of milk soup or chowder or hot milk slightly flavoured with cocoa or chocolate. This can be carried in a thermos bottle if it cannot be obtained at school. Meat, cheese and peanut butter are good standbys for sandwich fillings, since they are easy to use and supply the protein building materials needed by growing, active children. Carrot sticks, celery, and lettuce and tomato sandwiches help solve the harder problem of getting vegetables into a lunchbox meal.

Dewey Moves Lead Up To 1948 Nomination

Albany, May 2.
Governor Thomas E. Dewey, of New York State, who has kept his views of American affairs quiet since his defeat in the 1944 Presidential race, is moving cautiously back into the arena in a calculated move towards the 1948 campaign.

Ripened by additional political experience, entrenched more firmly than ever in New York, and intent on putting his best foot forward, Dewey is carefully building a record in his home state and waiting for promising opportunities to display himself again to a wider American public.

Dewey's exact role in national affairs in the next two years is undetermined. The Governor himself

Says Wife Tried To Get Him Gaoled

Allegation that his wife had tried to get him gaoled in 1941 under Regulation 18B "so that she could pursue a course of adultery" was made by a former Guards officer before Staffordshire Appeals Committee.

He was Edward Hanbury Carington, David Lloyd-Davies, of Brewood, near Wolverhampton, who also alleged that his wife attacked his character to the Staffordshire Chief Constable, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Herbert Hunter.

The result of this, Lloyd-Davies declared, was that Sir Herbert revoked his firearms certificate and placed him under police supervision for three and a half years.

Lloyd-Davies' appeal against the refusal of the Chief Constable to grant him a certificate for an automatic pistol and a rook rifle was dismissed.

Debarred From Serving

Cross-examined, Lloyd-Davies agreed that the main purpose of his appeal was to force Sir Herbert to disclose documents which would help him to attack his wife and defend himself.

Lloyd-Davies read a letter which, he said, he had sent to the secretary of the Law Society.

This stated that his wife had brought a divorce suit against him and that he had counter-charged her with cruelty.

"This counter-charge," continued the letter, "is based primarily upon her unlawful attempt in 1941 to obtain my imprisonment under Regulation 18B for the purpose of enabling her to pursue without let or hindrance on my part a course of adultery with a member of the Polish armed forces."

The result of this, the letter alleged, was that he "was brought into public hatred, ridicule or contempt, placed under police supervision and debarred from serving in the armed forces of the Crown."

Lloyd-Davies said he would appeal.

FROM HERE AND THERE..... HOT FUNERAL

Bologna.—Giovanni Bellocchi, 52, of Regio Emilia; North Italy, was accompanied to the cemetery by a jazz band playing boogie-woogie according to the wish expressed in his will.

LOVE AT DAY
Florence.—Raffaele Lamanda, 27, wants to marry his "wife" but cannot do so. His passport was stolen and the thief used Lamanda's identity when he married Carla Papi, 22. When the false Lamanda disappeared with the girl's savings, the real one was arrested. When taken for identification to his supposed wife, they fell in love. But Raffaele cannot marry Carla because she is already "married" to him.

STARVATION STRIKE
Mombasa.—Forty Levantine members of the crew of the Panama-owned former Canadian corvette Dorothea Paxos, attached here pending payment of claims understood to total £7,000, staged a starvation strike against their treatment by the owners and captain.

ABOLISHED
Rome.—The abolition of the death penalty except for wartime military law was introduced in the new Italian constitution.

CIGARETTE REPERCUSSIONS
Paris.—The British colony in Paris was gloomier than ever over the cigarette situation, when increased duties were announced because the cost of importing from Britain will go up. Already French customs take five francs on every cigarette in excess of 100 brought into the country by travellers. Black market supplies are gradually drying up, too, because most of the American PX stores have been closed and the NAACP is gradually ceasing activities. Current prices of cigarettes on the market are about 180 francs for 20 and anything up to 250 francs in night clubs.

LOCUST CONTROL
Mombasa.—Developing biontelle, a unique colloidal clay, a Mombasa business man, G. J. Loring, associated with Imperial Chemical Industries, is engaged in experiments to control locusts, weevils and malarial mosquitoes throughout East Africa. The

is uncertain. But the 1944 Republican Presidential nominee, tremendously heartened by the party's success last autumn, is convinced that he should again begin to assert himself.

Many of Dewey's widely spaced political moves are individually microscopic, and go unnoticed by the public.

Dewey's interest in what happens in Washington was demonstrated by the recent conference of New York Congressmen. It was called avowedly to discuss inter-related State-Federal problems. For the most part it stuck closely to the agenda drafted by the Governor, but matters of national importance were mentioned and Dewey had opportunity to meet most New York Republican Congressmen, many for the first time.

Winning the friendship of these Congressmen is the sort of politically important thing Dewey is certain to continue to do in subsequent months.

He can be expected to move slowly in appearing to force himself on newspaper front pages through speeches and statements on national affairs.—Associated Press.

'BARTERED BRIDE' ONLY 17

Ginette Camille, 17, attractive French girl who was sold by her father to an admirer at the age of 14 for £42, told the story recently of her life as a "bartered bride."

The transaction first came to light when her father went to the Rochefort, France, court asking for authority to reinstate her in the home of her purchaser, Gabriel Paille, an aerodrome official.

Ginette said: "I was only fourteen and found it strange that a man of thirty-five should be interested in me, but my father encouraged the union."

"At first everything seemed all right and Paille told people that I was his niece. But life soon became unbearable and I tried to run away three times."

"My father told me that if I broke the contract with Paille he would be sent to prison. I went back and Paille exhausted me with blows."

The father told the Court he had given his daughter to Paille in settlement of a debt, and that he drew a deed of transfer on which he affixed stamps. Camille explained that Ginette had been recalcitrant, refusing to stay with her thirty-five-year-old "owner." But instead of receiving further power over his daughter from the Court, he was arrested with Paille.



MORE HONOURS FOR WAR DOGS

Ricky, a Welsh collie, and Brian, a crossbred Alsatian collie, two official war dogs, who have both been mentioned in despatches and honoured by the award of special collars for their gallant war services, are now to receive the supreme award of the Dicken Medal, popularly known as the Animals' V.C.

Ricky, says the War Office citation, was engaged in a task of clearing the verges of the canal bank at Nederweert, Holland on December 3, 1944. He located all the mines and during the operation the Section Commander was blown up. Ricky remained calm and collected and went on working. Had he become excited, he would have been a danger to the rest of the section who were working near by.

His handler, Mr. Yelding, says of him: "I owe him not only life but limb—his only fault is that he has too many brains."

Brian was the patrol dog of a parachute unit of the Battalion, Airborne Division. He is a fully qualified "paratrooper," having done the requisite number of jumps. He landed in Normandy with them, and went through the Northwest Europe campaign.

Both dogs have now returned to their owners, who so generously lent them for national service.

One other dog beside Brian has received the Dicken Medal for parachute work—Rob, of the 2nd S.A.S. Regt, who made over 20 operational jumps.

Only 14 dogs in all have received the Animals' V.C. Their portraits will hang in the Imperial War Museum in due course.

CORPORAL SEEKS HIS COUNTESS

This is the story of the corporal who loves a countess and is trying to reach her—in vain.

Ex-Corporal A. M. Carr, accountant, of Gerald-road, London, last saw his wife, the beautiful Countess Frieda Schonborn, in a hide-out in Austria in 1945.

Then the countess was arrested by Tito's troops on an espionage charge. She is believed to be in a Yugo-Slav concentration camp.

The corporal met the countess when he was sent to her Yugo-Slav State as a slave worker by the Germans.

It was love at first sight and they fled together.

Hid In Wardrobe

They joined the partisans, sticking together through hunger, cold, bombs and bullets.

Once they clung close together in a wardrobe while Germans sat eating in the room.

They married secretly in a bishop's private chapel.

Duty parted them, and the corporal had to return to England and his regiment, the King's Royal Rifle.

"I will come back," he said. Now his promise is broken. The Yugo-Slavs won't let him go back. Their London Embassy has refused him a visa.

COAL WASTAGE IN BRITAIN

Dr. Arthur Parker, British Fuel Research Director, broadcast recently that far too much of England's precious coal was going up in smoke because of inefficient open fireplaces, and that a new device had been invented "far more efficient if less attractive."

As a special concession to tradition, he promised that the new slaves "have doors in front which can be opened so you can see the fire."—United Press.

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Laundering By Sound Waves

The vision of the laundry of the future in which linen would be laundered by vibrations of highly-pitched inaudible sound waves was held out recently to British housewives harassed by a shortage of soap and long delay in the return of washing from laundries.

The vision was conjured up by Sir Edward Appleton, secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, who, in an address to British Launderers' Research Association, dwelt on the application to laundering of developments of ultrasonic technique.

It had been found, he said, that most soiling materials were negatively charged electrically, and that electrical forces often held dirt to fabrics.

The function of supersonic vibrations, Sir Edward added, is to shake out the dirt when electrical bonds have been broken and emulsify it in a cleansing solution to prevent it being redeposited on fabrics.—Routier.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



The boss complimented me on that drawing I did on the fat councilman yesterday—but I wonder just what he meant when he said it was the best thing I had done in a long time!

British Car Output Up

London, May 5. British car production, slashed to 9,921 vehicles in February by the fuel crisis, jumped in March to 22,074, only 2,031 fewer than in January.

This sign of recovery in one industry from the fuel crisis was reflected in the April monthly digest of statistics.

It indicated how industrial electricity cuts in February drastically curtailed the flow of all kinds of goods. Now besides producing less, British firms are about 25 per cent less able to smoke 1,400,000 pounds less tobacco than in January.—Reuter.

MORE POLAR EXERCISES SCHEDULED

Washington, May 5. The United States, its prime military attention focussed on potential invasion routes over the Polar cap, is planning a second winter of Arctic troop training and special Arctic naval operations.

The Army announced that elements of an infantry division and troop carrier aircraft will engage in joint Arctic exercises in Alaska beginning November 1.

General J. L. Devers, Army Ground Forces Commander, said that just winter's maneuvers convinced him that new emphasis must be placed on the use of "air transportable" foot soldiers in those areas.

The Army's announcement follows a Navy request to Congress for a construction programme to include both submarines and surface ships especially equipped for duty in the ice-packed Arctic waters.

To start off that part of the programme the Navy proposes one submarine fitted out as an "Arctic picket boat" and a fast attack transport capable of ice-breaking navigation. The Navy said the picket boat submarine could be used as "eyes and ears" to detect airplane movements and for other secret functions.

This suggested use of radar to extend the present comparatively limited scope of any land based radar aircraft warning network that might be installed along the Alaskan-Canadian-Arctic coast.—Associated Press.

Soviet Manoeuvres

London, May 4. A Swiss broadcast said tonight that the Soviet Army had begun spring manoeuvres on the Behring Straits coast of Northeast Siberia, opposite Alaska.

The broadcast, reported by the Exchange Telegraph agency, said 250,000 Soviet troops were participating and would be joined later by units of the Soviet Pacific Fleet and of the Mongolian People's Republic.—United Press.

Bromwich Beats Destremau

Paris, May 4. John Bromwich, Australian Davis Cup player, defeated Benjamin Destremau, French, 6-2, 6-4, in the second and last day of the French-Australian lawn tennis match at Roland Garros Stadium here to-day.—United Press.

Brussels, May 4. Jacques Peten of Belgium defeated Gaston Impach of Luxembourg, 4-6, 6-2, 9-7, 3-6, 6-3, in the second singles match of the Davis Cup elimination tournament, originally scheduled for last night but postponed until to-day because of the rain.—United Press.

Malmö, Sweden, May 4. Czechoslovakia defeated Sweden in the first round of the Davis Cup European Zone competition, winning two singles and doubles out of five matches. In the decisive singles match today, Czech Jaroslav Drobny defeated Torsten Johansson of Sweden, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.—Nile Press.

NEW ROLE FOR JOE BAKSI

London, May 5. Joe Baksi who defeated Britain's best heavyweight Bruce Woodcock last month, starts out on Monday to help boost coal production.

The National Coal Board on Sunday released Baksi's itinerary for his official three-day trip through the coal fields as a guest of the Minister of Fuel and Power.

An examiner himself, Baksi will talk to miners in theatres and give pep talks to their kiddies. Doncaster, Woodcock's home town, is on the route and Bruce has been invited to lunch with Joe.—Associated Press.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS

Malmö, May 5. Czechoslovakia's tennis team virtually clinched a victory over Sweden in the Davis Cup eliminations yesterday.

Jaroslav Drobny and Bohus Cernik defeated Lennart Bergelin and Torsten Johansson in the doubles 6-1, 7-0, 7-5, 6-2, taking a two to one edge in the best of five.—Associated Press.

Basketball Win For Russia

Prague, May 4. Soviet Russia won the European basketball championship here to-night. Czechoslovakia finished second. Egypt third and Belgium fourth.—Reuter.

Plans For Formation Of World Federal Government In 1955

Brussels, May 4.

Twenty-five British Labour Members of Parliament plan a nation-wide unofficial ballot in Britain for the election of representatives to a World Federal Government to be formed in 1955, Mr. Henry Osborne, Labour Member for Acock's Green Division of Birmingham, said here tonight.

Osborne, who is British representative at the executive meeting of the Movement for World Federal Government here, said that an unofficial world constituent assembly would be held in Geneva to draw up the "Charter of World Government."

The British ballot, he said, would elect one representative for each million of population. The population of Britain is 45,000,000.

"There is in the British Parliament a group of Members of Parliament who do not believe that it is now possible to amend the Charter of the United Nations without destroying the organisation because the great powers cannot agree at present on the terms of the amendments necessary."

"We believe that the United Nations cannot prevent war which we all fear because member states are sovereign states each having their own armies."

"Nations must be disarmed down to the level of their policing needs. This cannot be achieved unless a Charter of World Government is drawn up showing exactly and in detail how a world government works, what powers it must have, what taxes it must levy and how it will take over the existing national armies."

"The immediate problem of Man-Kind is to prepare a Charter of World Government because only then will it be possible to abolish that part of a nation's sovereignty which all peoples wish to give up in the interests of peace," he said.

Book Being Written

It was not politically possible for statesmen of national governments to prepare a charter, Mr. Osborne claimed.

"We shall solve this problem by holding in Geneva in 1950 an unofficial world constituent assembly attended by representatives of the people—one for each million," he said.

It was hoped, he said, that ten million people in England would cast votes in such a ballot.

A book explaining details of the campaign was being written jointly by 25 British Labour Members of Parliament, to be translated and distributed in every country of the world.

"In this way we intend to get world government at least by 1955," he added.

Although the scheme of world-wide "unofficial elections" initiated by the British Members of Parliament does not figure on the agenda of the present World Federalist meeting here, it is understood that this movement will support the idea on the ground that it wiped out the dilemma of "bloes" which threaten peace.—Reuter.

PLAY THE GAME YOU CAD!

London, May 4. The clothing shortage in Britain had awkward consequences for a Londoner last night, when a gunman stopped him shortly after dark near his home in Victoria and made him strip off his clothes in the street.

The thief ran off with the man's suit, shoes, shirt, pullover and overcoat as well as some money, his watch and a cigarette case.

The victim, whose name was given by the police as Selter, was left to make his way home in his underclothes.—Reuter.

GUERRILLAS KILL 15 VILLAGERS

Fifteen villagers, Athens, May 4. Fifteen villagers were killed and twenty wounded, including women and children, by an armed band which attacked a village of East Greece near the Yugo-Slav frontier, a Greek newspaper reports from Salonika stated to-day.

A large band was said to have crossed the frontier from Yugo-Slavia and split up, one group attacking the village while others made diversionary attacks on military posts.—Reuter.

LORD ISMAY BACK IN LONDON

London, May 4. Lord Ismay, political adviser to the Viceroy of India, Viscount Mountbatten, arrived at London airport today from India to report to the Cabinet on progress towards Britain's transfer of power in India in June 1948.

Lord Ismay declined to comment on the Indian situation. Representatives of the Indian and War Offices met him.—United Press.

Women Hold Up Train

New Delhi, May 4. Four women Moslem League demonstrators squatting on the railway line at Peshawar, to-day held up the Bombay express for two hours. Wooden sleepers were set on fire in an unsuccessful bid to interfere with another stretch of the line.—Reuter.

Montreal, May 5.

The cargo liner Beaverburn is en route to Britain to-day with the season's first big cargo of eggs—approximately 3,000,000 of them.—Associated Press.

PHONE WORKERS CHARGE UNFAIR PRACTICES

Atlanta, Georgia, May 4.

The Southern Federation of Telephone Workers today charged that the North Carolina Governor, Gregg Cherry, and the Southern Bell Telephone Company President, Huls Dumas, were acting "in concert to smash and grind underfoot telephone workers of the South."

The charges against them followed an announcement by the union that an unfair labour practices complaint had been filed against the Southern Bell Company—an ATT subsidiary. Mr. H. F. Twendy, SFTW Vice-President, disclosed that charges previously left with the National Labour Relations Board in Atlanta would be "amended and broadened" to include Mr. Dumas.

Earlier union officials charged that the company fired three employees, all women, "and others" because of union activities.—United Press.

BURMESE TO STUDY DOMINION STATUS

Rangoon, May 4.

Burmese Political Mission may visit Australia shortly for first-hand study of "Dominion status in practice." Reuter learned today from reliable sources. The Mission, it is reported, will comprise leading members of the Burma Constituent Assembly.

The proposal to send a Political Mission to Australia is the sequel to informal discussions regarding the shape of the National Constitution, which has been going on for some time among groups of Constitution Assembly members who, it is said, hold divergent views on the question of self-governing Burma's relations with the British Commonwealth.

While large sections of the Constituent Assembly members desire the new constitution to be based on complete independence, a small but influential group, it is understood, prefers "some modified form of Dominion status."

BATTLE WITH BRIGANDS IN SICILY

Palermo, May 4.

Sicilian police fought a machine-gun battle today with a band of brigands near San Giuseppe and captured 26 more suspects in the May Day massacre of nine Sicilian peasants.

Several of those captured were believed to be directly implicated in the killings.

More than 120 suspects have been jailed and the police are still searching the mountains south-west of Palermo for others.

One of the 33 wounded, a 12-year-old boy, died today, bringing the death toll to nine.

The police believe that 20 men were in the band that swept some 400 peasants with machine-gun fire as they marched down the mountain to a May Day celebration in a nearby town.

Labour groups in Sicily and the Chamber of Labour called upon the governments in Rome to make special investigations.

The Communists, trying hard to make political capital out of the massacre have called two general strikes.—United Press.

British Flood Relief Fund

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Colony Gets Back Fire Engines

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United States and the United Kingdom are expected in a month. No official word has been received on the status or whereabouts of delegations from India and New Zealand.

The disposition of a large amount of gold bullion is awaiting decision from higher authorities.

The following ships are in the process of being repaired and re-fitted preparatory to restitution: The British Government—ss Kintang, Talahyblus, Carmen Moller, Jessie Moller and Hain Yangtze.

Panama—ss Islan Visayan and Ramon.

Philippines—ss Hirondele, U.S.A.—ss Admiral Y. S. Williams, Korea—ss Korean fishing vessels, France—ss Leconte de Lisle China, China—ss Ho Shun and Lung Shun.—United Press.

Europe Food Outlook Not Encouraging

London, May 5.

Europe is still pleading for bread. There was only slight improvement in the outlook in April, but the months ahead look lean.

First the rains came, then snowdrifts killed livestock. Thaws brought floods that bogged down winter cultivation and spring planting. Britain perhaps suffered the most.

Her winter snows were the worst in 50 years.

Crops are getting off to a slow start only now. The National Farmers' Union estimated British agricultural losses at £20,000,000. The Union said blizzards and floods caused the "greatest food production tragedy this country has ever known."

It said losses included 1,370,000 sheep and lambs in snowdrifts, 30,000 cattle in snow and floods, £500,000 worth of other livestock, 100,000 acres of winter wheat, more than 100,000 tons of potatoes and 70,000 acres of winter corn.

It estimated that nearly 50 per cent of the Netherlands wheat crop, or 23,000 tons, was lost.

France pays the International Food Council 103,000 tons behind schedule on the promised 553,000 tons of grain for the first six months of the year, and the Council has taken no action on a request for 400,000 tons more.

However, the egg, potato, fish, butter and fats situations are improving.

Prices Rise In Italy

The Italian Government's efforts to suppress the black market in increased food prices again resulted in the closing of more restaurants. For the third consecutive month no spaghetti ration was distributed, although Italians with plenty of money can buy all they want on the black market for 200 lire a kilo—over 10 times the ration price.

Hungary is still short of 45,000 tons of grain. Germany is suffering from decreased imports of grain and the failure of German farmers to co-operate with the food programme. Severe winter crop damages were suffered in some parts of Germany, particularly in the Russian zone.

Extremely dry weather seriously affected winter cereals in Greece. The Government Warehouses have less than one month's supply. The rationed food distribution is 700 calories daily.

Rumania Sees Famine

Rumania's food outlook is gloomy. Farmers say lack of seed will make for a poor harvest, regardless of weather conditions. Some predict the worst famine next year.

Bulgarian cereal output is considerably below normal as a result of two successive years of drought. Supplying bread to the population is one of the main tests of the Bulgarian government.

The severe drought last year caused many shortages in Russia, particularly grain and potatoes. All Russians realise they have at least three difficult months ahead. Plant-

Perak Strike Ends

Singapore, May 4.

The 22-day old strike of the Perak Hydroelectric Power Company ended today when the men agreed to return to work.

They also agreed not to make any further demands for one year.—Reuter.

ATOM EXPERT ON HUSH-HUSH TRIP TO U.S.

Southampton, May 5.

The Cunard liner Queen Elizabeth sailed for New York yesterday with 2,271 passengers, including Dr. J. D. Cockcroft, British atom expert.

He said that his mission was "hush hush" and refused to disclose his itinerary.

Also aboard was the Bishop of London, Dr. J. W. C. Wand, and Mrs. Wand.

The Bishop will attend the 25th anniversary of Trinity Church, New York, and give the commencement addresses at the General Theological seminary in New York and St. Agnes School, Chicago and Toronto.—Associated Press.

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